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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The May 2010 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 133 (1991=100) was up 2 points from April's level, but down 7 points from May 2009. The mid-May price for barrows, gilts, sows, and all milk increased from April. The mid-month price for corn, winter wheat, and soybeans decreased from the previous month.

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The Livestock Price Index of 97 was up 6 points from last month's index and 21 points above May 2009. The Crop Price Index of 155 was down 1 point from the index last month and 25 points below the previous year.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - - INDIANA AND UNITED STATES MAY 2010 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Item	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		May 2009	April 2010	May 15 2010	May 2009	April 2010	May 15 2010
		<u>Dollars</u>			<u>Dollars</u>		
Corn	Bu.	4.12	3.52	3.50	3.96	3.41	3.41
Soybeans	Bu.	11.10	9.79	9.50	10.70	9.47	9.28
Winter Wheat	Bu.	5.10	4.27	4.00	5.52	4.19	4.10
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	2.64	2.25	2.04
All Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	130.00	109.00	116.00
Alfalfa Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	137.00	113.00	121.00
Other Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	112.00	99.30	99.70
Apples <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.187	.300	.318
All Hogs	Cwt.	48.50	57.30	61.90	44.60	56.50	62.30
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	48.60	57.20	61.80	44.60	56.60	62.50
Sows	Cwt.	47.80	58.70	63.60	43.30	53.20	58.80
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	83.20	95.70	96.50
Milk Cows <u>3/</u>	Head	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1330.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	12.40	15.30	15.70	11.60	14.60	15.00
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.40	15.30	<u>4/</u>	11.60	14.60	15.00
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	10.60	13.30	13.50
Eggs <u>5/</u>	Doz.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.617	.767	.633
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.501	.537	.551

^{1/} Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. ^{2/} Mid-month Price. ^{3/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July and October. ^{4/} Only Whole-month Price published. ^{5/} Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ^{6/} Monthly estimates discontinued. ^{7/} Not Published.

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APRIL EGG PRODUCTION FOR INDIANA DOWN SLIGHTLY

Indiana's laying flocks produced 543 million eggs during April 2010, down slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 22.9 million, was down 4 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,292 eggs per 100 layers, was 1 percent above last year.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during April 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching

eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2010 averaged 277 million, down one percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2009. Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2010 totaled 47.5 million, up 11 percent from April 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 41.6 million on May 1, 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., APRIL 2009-2010

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,283	22,923	98	278,429	276,633	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,262	2,292	101	2,197	2,220	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	545	543	100	7,472	7,547	101
Table Eggs (millions)	530	529	100	6,419	6,472	101
Hatching Eggs (millions)	15	14	93	1,053	1,075	102
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	42,794	47,503	111
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	758,663	767,225	101

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during April 2010 totaled 147.8 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,200 cattle killed totaled 3.3 million pounds. Total live weight of the 727,300 hogs killed totaled 191.9 million pounds. The 3,800 sheep slaughtered during April 2010 totaled 420,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2009. Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 3 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was

down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,500 head, up 1 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.05 million head, down 4 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from April 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,700 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	April		Jan – April		April		Jan – April	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.7	3.2	14.1	14.0	2,772.6	2,847.1	10,748.2	11,014.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,054	1,053	1,054	1,051	1,276	1,253	1,299	1,275
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,878	3,347	14,857	14,712	3,526,020	3,553,969	13,913,103	13,988,817
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	2/	2/	2/	2/	68.0	68.5	306.6	305.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	281	275	261	254
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	18,899	18,659	78,861	76,555
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	700.3	727.3	2,763.6	2,765.7	9,436.7	9,054.1	37,939.7	36,685.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	267	264	269	263	272	273	272	272
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	186,967	191,926	743,044	727,176	2,565,380	2,466,226	10,306,911	9,953,408
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	4.4	3.8	11.0	13.0	228.9	190.7	819.0	818.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	103	110	109	110	135	136	140	137
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	452	420	1,199	1,425	30,801	25,972	114,600	111,725

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in Indiana during 2009 was \$331,000, up 43 percent from the previous year. Prices increased to 0.10 cent per pound. The number of chickens sold in 2009 totaled 9.4 million, down 3 percent from the total sold during the previous year. Indiana's value of egg production in 2009 was \$353.0 million, down 34 percent from the \$535.6 million in 2008. Egg production totaled 6.46 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the previous year. In 2009, eggs averaged 65.6 cents per dozen, compared with 98.5 cents in 2008. The value of Indiana's turkeys produced during 2009 was \$271.5 million, down 11 percent from the \$306.3 million the previous year. Turkey production in 2009 totaled 543.0 million pounds live weight, compared with 519.1 million pounds in 2008. The average price received by producers during 2009 was 50.0 cents per pound, compared to 59.0 cents per pound in 2008.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2009 was \$65.1 million, up 5 percent from the \$62.2 million a year ago. Prices averaged 7.2 cents per pound, compared with 6.6 cents in 2008. The number of chickens sold in 2009 totaled 175 million, down slightly from the total sold during the previous year. The value of all U.S. egg production in 2009 was \$6.16 billion, down 25 percent from the \$8.22 billion in 2008. Egg production totaled 90.4 million eggs, up slightly percent from the 90.0 million eggs produced in 2008. In 2009, all eggs averaged 81.7 cents per dozen, compared with \$1.09 in 2008. The value of U.S. turkeys produced during 2009 was \$3.57 billion, down 20 percent from the \$4.48 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2009 totaled 7.15 billion pounds, down 10 percent from the 7.92 billion pounds produced in 2008. The average price received by producers during 2009 was 50.0 cents per pound, compared with 56.5 cents in 2008.

POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2008-2009

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as a % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as a % of 2008
Chickens (excluding broilers) <u>1/</u>						
Number Lost (1,000 head) <u>2/</u>	3,739	3,464	93	101,832	99,169	98
Number Sold for slaughter (1,000 head)	9,729	9,445	97	175,573	175,204	100
Pounds Sold (1,000 Lbs.)	33,079	33,058	100	937,045	905,864	97
Price per Pound (Dollars)	0.007	0.010	143	0.066	0.072	109
Value of Sales (1,000 Dollars)	232	331	143	62,164	65,127	105
Eggs <u>1/</u>						
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,523	6,460	99	90,040	90,359	100
Price per Dozen (Dollars) <u>3/</u>	0.985	0.656	67	1.090	0.817	75
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	535,571	353,020	66	8,215,999	6,155,825	75
Turkeys						
Number Raised (1,000 Head) <u>4/</u>	14,500	15,000	103	273,088	247,359	91
Pounds Produced (1,000 Pounds)	519,100	543,000	105	7,922,087	7,149,942	90
Price per Pound (Dollars) <u>5/</u>	0.590	0.500	85	0.565	0.500	88
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	306,269	271,500	89	4,477,054	3,573,637	80

1/ Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1 the previous year through November 30.

2/ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during the 12 month period.

3/ Including hatching and market (table) eggs.

4/ Based on turkeys placed September 1, previous year through August 31, of the current year. Excludes young turkeys lost.

5/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on April 30, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs and cheese. Butter stocks were up 6 percent from last month but down 14 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 16 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 6 percent from the previous month and down 21 percent from last year.

Stocks of pork bellies were down 15 percent from last month and down 37 percent from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on April 30, 2010 were up 5 percent from the previous month but down 15 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 1 percent from the previous month but down 5 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 11 percent from last month but down 26 percent from April 30, 2009.

NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS UP 41 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in April 2010. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt (Cornbelt I) States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of April 11-17, 2010 totaled 45,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.25.

There were 997,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 11-17, 2010, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 737,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 260,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.83 per hour during the April 2010 reference week, down 1 cent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 5 cents from

last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.31 per hour compared with \$10.25 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.13 per hour, was up 6 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

The largest increases in the number of hired workers from last year occurred in the Corn Belt I (Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio), Northeast II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), and Lake (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) regions. Weather conditions in all three of these regions were considerably drier than last year's very wet and muddy reference week. This allowed spring fieldwork and planting activities to progress rapidly. Therefore, the demand for hired workers was much higher.

HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2009-2010 ^{1/} ^{2/}

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	32	45	680	737
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	26	29	554	586
149 Days or Less	6	16	126	151
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	38.0	34.1	40.1	39.8
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	10.93	11.11	9.99	10.04
Livestock	10.44	9.75	10.25	10.31
Field & Livestock	10.72	10.70	10.07	10.13
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	11.70	11.25	10.84	10.83

^{1/} Reference weeks were April 11-17 in 2010 and April 12-18 in 2009.
Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

^{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

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